

TREAD ACT: MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Highway Safety Administration's implementation of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act and various motor vehicle safety issues, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Oregon State Senator Bruce Starr, Hillsboro; and Robert Strassburger, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Donald B. Shea, Rubber Manufacturers Association, and Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, former Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1129, to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1887, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug ad-

diction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices;

S. 2363, to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

S. Con. Res. 5, expressing support for the celebration in 2004 of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Excursion of 1854.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 851, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, after receiving testimony from Senator Ensign; John C. Harrison, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville; Peter J. Rubin, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; Teresa Stanton Collett, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Reverend Katherine Hancock Ragsdale, St. David's Episcopal Church, Pepperell, Massachusetts, on behalf of NARAL Pro-Choice America and the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice; and Joyce Farley and Crystal Lane, both of Dushore, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4496–4512; and; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 97; H. Con. Res. 441–443, and H. Res. 661–662 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4114, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exclude non-native migratory bird species from the application of that Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–520);

H.R. 2909, to ensure the continued availability of the Utah Test and Training Range to support the readiness and training needs of the Armed Forces, amended (H. Rept. 108–521);

H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, amended (H. Rept. 108–522); and

S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian

Reservation, North Dakota (H. Rept. 108–523, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 4175, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, amended (H. Rept. 108–524).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rabbi Joui Hessel, Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, DC.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, June 2 by a ye-and-nay vote of 346 yeas to 47 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 223.

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Member Sworn—South Dakota At-Large: Representative-elect Stephanie Herseth presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier the Minority Leader asked unanimous consent that the Oath of Office be administered today after the Clerk of the

House transmitted the unofficial results of the Special Election held on June 1, 2004 from the Honorable Chris Nelson, Secretary of State, State of South Dakota. **Page H3722**

Back to Work Incentive Act: The House passed H.R. 444, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a Personal Reemployment Accounts grant program to assist Americans in returning to work, by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 225. **Pages H3725–40**

Agreed that in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 4444 be considered as adopted. **Page H3727**

Rejected the Kildee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 224. **Pages H3738–40**

Pursuant to H. Res. 656, the texts of H.R. 4409, to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and H.R. 4411, to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education, were appended to the engrossment of H.R. 444 and the bills H.R. 4409 and H.R. 4411 were laid on the table. **Page H3740**

Also pursuant to H. Res. 656, the title of H.R. 444 was conformed to reflect the addition of the texts of both bills. Conformed so as to read: to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a Personal Reemployment Accounts grant program to assist Americans in returning to work; to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education.

The House agreed to H. Res. 656, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 2.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, June 2:

Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004: H.R. 3866, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide increased penalties for anabolic steroid offenses near sports facilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 226; and **Pages H3740–41**

Condemning the actions in Tiananmen Square: H. Res. 655, condemning the crackdown on democracy protestors in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in the

People's Republic of China on the 15th anniversary of that tragic massacre, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 228. **Pages H3746–47**

Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1261, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and agreed to a conference. **Page H3741**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Representatives Boehner, Petri, McKeon, Castle, Isakson, Porter, Kildee, Hinojosa, Tierney, and McCollum. **Page H3741**

Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and agreed to a conference. **Page H3743**

Agreed to the Oberstar motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 227. **Pages H3745–46**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill (except title IX) and the Senate amendment (except title V), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young (AK), Petri, Boehlert, Coble, Duncan, Mica, Hoekstra, Ehlers, Bachus, LaTourette, Gary G. Miller (CA), Rehberg, Beauprez, Oberstar, Rahall, Lipinski, DeFazio, Costello, Norton, Nadler, Menendez, Corrine Brown (FL), Filner and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX). **Page H3747**

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of the secs. 8001–8003 of the House bill, and Title VI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conferences: Representatives Nussle, Shays, and Spratt. **Page H3747**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 1602 and 3030 of the House bill, and secs. 1306, 3013, 3032, and 4632 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Ballenger, Biggert, and George Miller (CA). **Page H3747**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of provisions in the House bill and Senate amendment relating to Clean Air Act provisions of transportation planning contained in sec. 6001 of the House bill, and secs. 3005, and 3006 of the Senate amendment; secs. 1202, 1824, 1828,

and 5203 of the House bill, and secs. 1501, 1511, 1522, 1610–1619, 3016, 3023, 4108, 4151, 4152, 4155–4159, 4162, 4172, 4173, 4424, 4481, 4482, 4484, 4662, 8001, and 8002 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Barton (TX), Pickering, and Dingell.

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From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of sec. 1802 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Tom Davis (VA), Schrock, and Waxman.

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 1105, 1207, 1602, 1812, 2011, 3023, 4105, 4108, 4201, 4202, 4204, 5209, 5501, 6001, 6002, 7012, 7019–7022, and 7024 of the House bill, and secs. 1512, 1513, 1802, 3006, 3022, 3030, 4104, 4110, 4174, 4226, 4231, 4234, 4265, 4307, 4308, 4315, 4424, 4432, 4440–4442, 4445, 4447, 4462, 4463, 4633, and 4661 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Smith (TX), and Conyers.

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From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 1117, 3021, 6002, and 6003 of the House bill, and secs. 1501, 1502, 1505, 1511, 1514, 1601, 1603, 3041, and 4521–4528 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Pombo, Gibbons, and Kind.

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From the Committee on Rules, for consideration of secs. 8004 and 8005 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dreier, Sessions, and Frost.

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From the Committee on Science, for consideration of secs. 2001, 3013, 3015, 3034, 4112, and Title V of the House bill, and Title II, secs. 3014, 3015, 3037, 4102, 4104, 4237, and 4461 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilchrest, Neugebauer, and Gordon.

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From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of Title IX of the House bill, and Title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thomas, McCrery, and Rangel.

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For consideration of the House bill and Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representative DeLay.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Thompson (CA) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture, effective June, 3.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 661, electing Representative Herseth to the Committee on Agriculture.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 9.

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Temporary Extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: The House agreed to discharge from the Committee on Small Business and pass H.R. 4478, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 23, 2004.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow, June 4. Later agreed that when the House adjourn tomorrow, June 4, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, for Morning Hour debate.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 8.

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Presidential Messages: Read a communication from the President wherein he transmitted the following messages: The continuation of a waiver of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 to Turkmenistan—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (108–189); the continuation of a waiver of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 to Belarus—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (108–190); and the continuation of a waiver of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 to Vietnam—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (108–191).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3723.

Senate Referral: S. 1721 was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3721–22, H3739–40, H3740, H3740–41, H3745–46, H2746. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on FBI Transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Robert S. Mueller, III, Director; Maureen Baginski, Executive Assistant Director, Intelligence; and John Pistole, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence; Laurie E. Ekstrand, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Alfred Cumming, Specialist, Intelligence and National Security Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division; and Todd Masse, Specialist, Domestic Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Domestic Social Policy; and a public witness.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the District of Columbia Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor; Linda W. Cropp, Chairwoman, Council; and Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the Department of Homeland Security appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

ARMED FORCES—SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on sexual assault prevention and response in the armed forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant, Force Health Protection and Readiness; Reginald J. Brown, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Michael Dominguez, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and William Navas, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Frances Murphy, M.D.,

Deputy Under Secretary, Health Policy Coordination; Carol O'Brien, Director, Center for Sexual Trauma Services, DVA Medical Center, Bay Pines, Florida; and Lori Katz, Staff Psychologist, Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator, DVA Women's Health Clinic, Long Beach, California; and public witnesses.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT; SATELLITE HOME VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following: H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003; and the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4363, amended, Helping Hands for Homeownership Act of 2004; H.R. 3916, amended, Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2004; H.R. 3755, amended, Zero Downpayment Act of 2004; and H.R. 4471, Home Ownership Opportunities for Native Americans Act of 2004.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SUPERSIZING OF AMERICA—COMBATING OBESITY AND PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3826, amended, Program Assessment and Results Act; H.R. 4222, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Newell George Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 257, Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery; and H. Res. 653, Honoring former President George Herbert Walker Bush on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "The Supersizing of America: The Federal Government's Role in Combating Obesity and Promoting Healthy Living." Testimony was heard from Lester M. Crawford, M.D., Acting Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric Hentges, M.D., Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA; Lynn Swann, Chair, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; and public witnesses.